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For:	BLOCKED MERCAPTOSILANE COUPLING AGENTS FOR FILLED RUBBERS)	Date:	October 22, 2002

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

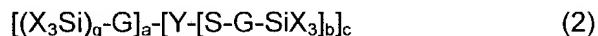
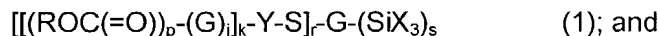
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed May 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A blocked mercaptosilane selected from the group consisting of:



wherein

Y is a polyvalent species $(\text{Q})_z\text{A}(=\text{E})$ selected from the group consisting of $-\text{C}(=\text{NR})-$; $-\text{SC}(=\text{NR})-$; $-\text{SC}(=\text{O})-$; $-\text{S}(=\text{O})-$; $-\text{S}(=\text{O})_2-$; $-\text{OS}(=\text{O})_2-$; $(-\text{NR})\text{S}(=\text{O})_2-$; $-\text{SS}(=\text{O})-$; $-\text{OS}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{NR})\text{S}(=\text{O})-$; $-\text{SS}(=\text{O})_2-$; $(-\text{S})_2\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{S})\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $-\text{P}(=\text{O})(-)_2$; $(-\text{S})_2\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; $(-\text{S})\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; $-\text{P}(=\text{S})(-)_2$; $(-\text{NR})_2\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{NR})(-\text{S})\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{O})(-\text{NR})\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{O})(-\text{S})\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{O})_2\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{O})\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{NR})\text{P}(=\text{O})-$; $(-\text{NR})_2\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; $(-\text{NR})(-\text{S})\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; $(-\text{O})(-\text{NR})\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; $(-\text{O})(-\text{S})\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; $(-\text{O})_2\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; $(-\text{O})\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; and $(-\text{NR})\text{P}(=\text{S})-$; wherein the atom A attached to unsaturated

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